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Dear Mr. Ziezulewicz:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 16, 2019. You seek a copy of Officer Executive Officer (XO) Detachment for Cause (DFC) Requests with supplemental documentation from January 1, 2018 to present. This command received your request on December 18, 2019. Your FOIA request number is 2020-002839 and FOIA correspondence file number is 20200119.

Detachment for Cause (DFC) is one of the strongest administrative personnel measures used by the Navy. The purpose of a DFC Request is to consider an early Permanent Change of Station (PCS) transfer or Planned Rotation Date (PRD) for a Sailor. The privacy of Sailors considered for transfer via a DFC administrative process is very high.

Enclosed is a releasable copy of responsive DFC documentation. Redacted information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the Sailor Detached for Cause, other Sailors, and family members in some cases. Information such as name, social security number, duty station assignment and position, or similar information would directly identify an individual. Other information would identify an individual with an additional search of, or request for, other public or government records resulting in a mosaic effect and causing a derivative privacy invasion. Release of additional supplemental documentation would be under the cognizance of the applicable field command. However, their response would identify the Sailor's DFC duty station assignment thus resulting in a direct invasion of personal privacy. As such, the additional supplemental documentation is exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 with justification as noted above.

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In addition, the redacted information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 7(c) [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(c)]. Release of such information could constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy within a law enforcement context of the Sailor Detached for Cause, other Sailors, and family members in some cases.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If you deem the submission of an appeal necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter in order to be considered. You should enclose a copy of this letter, a copy of the original request, and a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, please go to:

<https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

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By direction